

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. 10-_____
v.	:	DATE FILED: _____
JOSE CLAUDIO COTONIETO	:	VIOLATIONS:
a/k/a "Claudio"	:	8 U.S.C. § 1328 (importation and
	:	harboring aliens for prostitution -2
		counts)

INDICTMENT

COUNTS ONE AND TWO

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

INTRODUCTION

The Defendant and his Prostitution Business

At all times material to this indictment:

1. Defendant JOSE CLAUDIO COTONIETO, a/k/a, "Claudio," a Mexican national, controlled and operated a prostitution business from various residential locations in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, including apartment locations at 1541 South 7th Street, 1137B Ellsworth Street and 1314 South 6th Street.

2. The prostitution operation conducted by defendant JOSE CLAUDIO COTONIETO, a/k/a "Claudio, used two illegal alien females, who resided with defendant COTONIETO, to provide the prostitution services to male customers for a fee from the above apartment locations. Defendant COTONIETO charged customers a cash amount of \$30 for 15

minutes with the prostitute. Prostitution services were provided on a daily basis from Monday through Sunday from approximately 11 a.m. to approximately midnight. Customers were greeted on the street by the prostitute and brought to the residence or were met at the door and escorted inside to be serviced.

3. Defendant JOSE CLAUDIO CORONA-COTONIETO, a/k/a "Claudio," brought the two illegal alien females into the United States from Mexico for the purpose of working as prostitutes. One female alien was a Guatemalan national, known to the grand jury as "O.D." and the other female alien was a Mexican national, known to the grand jury as "E.N." Defendant COTONIETO paid a "coyote," that is, a person who, for a fee, assisted illegal aliens to cross the United States/ Mexican border unlawfully, a sum of cash to assist defendant COTONIETO and the female aliens to unlawfully enter the United States from Mexico. Once across the border, defendant COTONIETO, O.D. and E.N. were transported to a drop house in Arizona by persons unknown to the grand jury. Thereafter, defendant COTONIETO and the female aliens were transported in a van to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania by a person unknown to the grand jury, and arrived in Philadelphia, in or about December 2008.

4. The female aliens, O.D. and E.N., lived with defendant JOSE CLAUDIO COTONIETO, a/k/a, "Claudio" in his apartment at 1541 South 7th Street, which location served as their residence and the brothel from in or about mid December 2008 until in or about September 2009. Thereafter, defendant COTONIETO relocated O.D. and E.N. to an apartment address at 1137-B Ellsworth Street, which location served as their residence and the brothel until in or about December 2009. In or about December 2009 defendant COTONIETO

relocated E.N. to an apartment address at 1314 South 6th Street until on or about January 11, 2010.

5. Defendant JOSE CLAUDIO COTONIETO, a/k/a, "Claudio" provided O.D. and E.N. with lodging, food and clothing, among other things, while they worked as prostitutes for defendant COTONIETO. Defendant COTONIETO required O.D. and E.N. to submit their cash earnings from customers to defendant COTONIETO, who controlled the cash receipts generated from the prostitution services provided by the females.

6. On or about the dates set forth below, in Philadelphia in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSE CLAUDIO COTONIETO
a/k/a "Claudio,"

knowingly imported, and caused to be imported into the United States, the following female aliens, each alien constituting a separate count, for an immoral purpose, that is, prostitution, and kept, maintained, controlled, supported, employed and harbored the female aliens in various places in pursuance of such illegal importation for the purpose of prostitution and other immoral purposes:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>FEMALE ALIEN</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1	O.D., a Guatemalan national	December 2008 until December 2009

COUNT	REMARKS	DATE
2	E.N. Mexican national	December 2008 and January 2010

In violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section, 1328:

A TRUE BILL,

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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